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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) Anaheim – California KKK Leader Arrested in North Carolina Stabbing

(U) The California Ku Klux Klan leader who led a “white lives matter” rally that erupted in violence in Anaheim this year was arrested last week in connection with a North Carolina stabbing hours before a Klan parade celebrating Donald Trump’s election. William Hagen and a second person were charged with assault after they stabbed another Klan member shortly before the victory parade. Hagen is the “Grand Dragon,” or state leader, of the Loyal White Knights faction of the Klan in California. Both men are charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill or inflict serious injury.

SOURCE: 6 December 2016, [The San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

#### (U) Los Angeles – Investigators Conclude No Evidence to Verify Bomb Threat to Subway System

(U) Investigators have found no evidence to corroborate a warning of a terrorist plot to bomb the Universal City Metro station, defusing fears of an imminent attack in the heart of Los Angeles’ sprawling public transit system, authorities reported yesterday. Federal investigators determined that the warning of a bombing called in on a tip line in Australia was not a credible threat. Law enforcement officials suspect the anonymous caller may have previously made threats that did not materialize.

SOURCE: 6 December 2016, [The Los Angeles Times](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) New York – Authorities Arrest Man Carrying Gas Can and Matches near Rockefeller Tree

(U) Manhattan – Police in New York City have arrested a man who they say was carrying a gas can and matches and acting erratically near the Rockefeller Center tree. Police say 38-year-old Yuriy Alterman threw a bottle into the street, became combative and screamed at officers when they approached him yesterday afternoon in midtown Manhattan. They say he was carrying a red can containing a liquid that smelled like gasoline, matches as well as a book called “Son of Hamas,” which is about the son of one of Hamas’ founders. He told officers that he didn’t intend to set anything on fire. The Bronx man has been charged with making terroristic threats and disorderly conduct.

SOURCE: 7 December 2016, [FOX News](#)

#### (U) New York – Bahamian Resident Sentenced to Five Years in US Prison for Hacking Celebrities

(U) Manhattan – A Bahamian man was sentenced to five years in US prison yesterday for hacking into celebrities’ email accounts to steal unreleased film and television scripts, personal information and sexually explicit videos in order to sell them. Alonzo Knowles, who maintained a list of 130 celebrities’ emails and phone numbers, was sentenced in Manhattan. He pleaded guilty in May to charges of criminal copyright infringement and identity theft.

SOURCE: 6 December 2016, [Reuters](#)

#### (U) New York – Suriname Man Sentenced in US Drug Case

(U) New York City – A Surinamese man convicted of acting as the “right-hand man” to the son of the country’s president during a scheme to send large amounts of cocaine to the United States was

sentenced yesterday to 11-1/4 years in a US prison. Edmund Muntslag, who was arrested after a US sting operation targeting Dino Bouterse, Suriname President Desi Bouterse's son, was sentenced to 16-1/4 years in prison after pleading guilty to charges that he tried to offer a home base to the Lebanese paramilitary group Hezbollah in the South American country.

SOURCE: 6 December 2016, [Reuters](#)

**(U) New York – Five Babies Born With Zika-Related Brain Issue**

(U) New York City – At least four babies have been born in New York City with Zika-related brain developmental symptoms since July, the city's health department said today, bringing the total number of such births to five. The numbers were announced in an alert the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene sent to doctors, urging them to remain vigilant and to continue to warn pregnant women and sexually active women of reproductive age not using a reliable form of birth control against traveling to places where the virus is spreading. It was a reminder that while the threat of the virus may have eased in many places around the world, it still poses a danger and its consequences are likely to be felt for some time.

SOURCE: 7 December 2016, [The New York Times](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL**

**(U) Belgium – Three Charged Over Suspected ISIL Support**

(U) Brussels – A judge charged three men with supporting the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) following house searches across Belgium in which eight people were taken for questioning, federal prosecutors said today. The men, a 23-year-old Serb and Kosovar nationals aged 23 and 27, were accused of being part of a terrorist organization. Prosecutors said they carried out the house searches looking for those who support ISIL financially and through the recruitment of fighters to travel to Syria.

SOURCE: 7 December 2016, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Belgium – EU Urged to Share Data Better to Detect Militant Returning From Syria, Iraq**

(U) Brussels – The European Union must improve information-sharing internally and with the United States and Turkey to better track Europeans returning from fighting with ISIL, the EU's counter-terrorism official will tell interior ministers. EU home affairs chiefs will discuss in Brussels on 9 December how to increase their ability to intercept such returnees after ISIL sent back radicalized Europeans to carry out attacks on targets in their home countries. The EU's Counter-Terrorism Coordinator estimates there are some 2,000-2,500 European "foreign terrorist fighters" still in Syria and Iraq. Between 600 and 1,000 such people have been killed in the conflicts there and another 1,200-1,750 have already returned to Europe.

SOURCE: 7 December 2016, [Reuters](#)

**(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**

**(U) California – Two California Guard Soldiers Sentenced in Plot to Sell Guns to Mexican Cartel**

(U) El Cajon – Two California Army National Guardsmen were sentenced in federal court on 5 December following a scheme to sell weapons and Army-issued gear to an undercover agent posing as a buyer for a Mexican drug cartel. Staff Sgt. Andrew Reyes, 34, and Spec. Jaime Casillas, 22, both of whom worked at the Army National Guard armory in El Cajon, outside San Diego, pleaded guilty in January to selling firearms without a license. Reyes, with ten years of service in the Guard, had an additional three charges tacked on for transporting firearms without a license from Texas, according to a Department of Justice news release.

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